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Re: Docket No. 030296-TP

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing an original and one copy of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC's Motion for Continuance in the above-referenced docket.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to Lisa Riley Sapper in the enclosed stamped envelope.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy W. Hatch

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition for Arbitration of)
Unresolved Issues Resulting From) Docket No.: 030296-TP
Negotiations with Sprint-Florida,)
Incorporated for Interconnection,)
Agreement By AT&T) Filed: August 6, 2003
Communications of the Southern)
States, LLC d/b/a AT&T and TCG)
South Florida)

AT&T'S MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. and TCG South Florida (collectively "AT&T"), pursuant to Rules 28-106.204 and 28-106.210, Florida Administrative Code, hereby file this Motion For Continuance of the hearing noticed for August 7 and 8, 2003, and for good cause in support states:

1. On March 24, 2003, AT&T filed its Petition for Arbitration of Unresolved Issues Resulting From Negotiations with Sprint-Florida, Incorporated ("Sprint") for Interconnection Agreement.
2. On June 19, 2003, David L. Talbott filed Direct Testimony on behalf of AT&T in this proceeding.
3. On July 10, 2003, David L. Talbott filed Rebuttal Testimony and Rebuttal Exhibits D. L. Talbott 1 through 4 on behalf of AT&T in this proceeding.
4. Mr. Talbott has completed the adoption process to adopt a child from Liberia. Mr. Talbott was initially scheduled to travel to Liberia to pick up the child during the first two weeks of July. In light of the current

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political strife in Liberia both the United States and Liberia governments are tightly controlling this adoption. The political instability in Liberia has to date prevented Mr. Talbott from entering Liberia to retrieve his son and bring him back to the United States. As a result, Mr. Talbott has no control over the timing of his travel to Liberia. Due to Mr. Talbott's need to travel to Liberia in order to complete his family's adoption of a Liberian child, Mr. Talbott will be unable to attend the hearing currently scheduled in this proceeding on August 7-8, 2003.

5. AT&T is not able to obtain a substitute witness for Mr. Talbott in the time available before the hearing.

6. Counsel for Sprint has authorized me to represent that Sprint has no objection to this Motion for Continuance.

WHEREFORE, for good cause shown, AT&T hereby requests the Prehearing Officer continue the hearing in this proceeding to a time to be determined.

Respectfully submitted this the 6th day of August, 2003.



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
DOCKET NO. 030296-TP**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served electronically and U.S. Mail this the 1st day of August, 2003 to the following:

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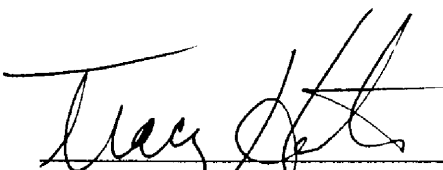
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